

## Message Text

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: PDEV MILI ET CU  
SUBJ: CASTRO AND THE ERITREANS

REF: HAVANA 1598

1. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY, JUNE 16, INDICATED THAT FORTHCOMING  
ISSUE OF ITALIAN MAGAZINE EPOCA WILL CONTAIN INTERVIEW  
WITH FIDEL CASTRO IN WHICH HE LABELS ERITREANS AS "COUNTER-  
REVOLUTIONARIES".

2. COMMENT: NOTE THAT THIS IS SIMILAR TO TERMINOLOGY USED  
BY MENGISTU. CASTRO REMARKED TO CODEL SOLARZ, JUNE 12  
(SEE REFTTEL), THAT CUBANS MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED AGAINST  
ERITREANS IF LATTER BECOME "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY". CASTRO,  
IN CONVERSATION WITH VISITING US JOURNALIST, JUNE 13, DID  
ACKNOWLEDGE AS BEING CORRECT, HOWEVER, STATEMENT THAT MANY  
PEOPLE WOULD WONDER ABOUT CUBANS' MOTIVES IF HAVANA ATTACKED  
GROUPS IT ONCE SUPPORTED. ALSO, CASTRO, IN INTERVIEW WITH  
US TELEVISION NETWORKS, JUNE 16, REPEATED HIS APRIL 26 AFFIRMATION  
IN PRESENCE OF MENGISTU THAT CUBA WILL ONLY DEFEND  
AFRICAN NATIONS AGAINST "EXTERNAL AGGRESSION".

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## Message Attributes

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